Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The rule referred to says "unless otherwise directed, value shall, for the purpose of stamp duty, also be adopted in the case of registration fee". That is the rule referred to. Therefore, if, for the purpose of stamp valuation, both the amounts are taken into account, for the purpose of registration also both the amounts have to be taken into account.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—With reference to (d), on the latter class of instruments this additional stamp fee or registration fee or this fee is being levied from 23rd Thulam 1099. Will the Law Member state why it was not levied before that?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—May I know whether, with reference to the collection of that fee, it has ever occurred to Government that this double collection of registration fee is working a hardship on the taxpayer?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—After this question has been received, the matter is being considered.

Amballur Dam.

227. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—(a) Has the Government started work on the Amballur dam;

(b) if not, do they propose to start work without delay;

(c) has not the co-operation of the Travancore Government been already secured?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) It is hoped that the Department will be able to start work at an early date.

(c) An estimate prepared by the Chief Engineer for the work has been forwarded to the Travancore Government and it has not as yet been received back with their approval.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—With reference to answer to (c), will the Member in charge of the Department kindly inform me whether the Travancore Government has generally approved of the scheme or not, or is there really any hitch with the Governments concerned? I understand that the Chief Engineer had gone to Trivandrum in this connection.

President.—The information is that he had a consultation on the subject with the Travancore Government and there is nothing in writing what it. Then there was a general agreement in regard to the proposed anicut. On the strength of that, we have got the co-operation of the Travancore Government. Estimates &c. have been forwarded. We are waiting for the reply. There was only an informal consultation.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—My question, sub-division (c), has not been answered. May I know whether the general

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scheme has been approved of by the Travancore Government or whether there is really any important point raised by them against the scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no point against the scheme. We have not received any information from the Travancore Government except this informal talk.

Grant of leave to Civil Surgeons.

228. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why both the Civil Surgeons with European qualifications in the General Hospital at Ernakulam were granted leave at the same time and for what purpose is leave given to each;

(2) who is doing their work;

(3) who are the Assistant Surgeons with European qualifications in the Service of the State now and why were they not appointed to fill up the two leave vacancies;

(4) why is this violation of the Proceedings of the Government of Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharia that in the General and Civil Hospitals Civil Surgeons with European qualifications are essential for the discharge of the proper duties of the Hospitals;

(5) for what purposes was Dr. T. Verghese given an extension of leave?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Both the Civil Surgeons applied for leave to go abroad for higher medical studies.

(2) Their work has been divided amongst the following officers:—

(i) Assistant Surgeon K. Rama Wariar }
(ii) Assistant Surgeon M. Joseph Ittoop } Dr. Puduval's.
(iii) Additional Assistant Surgeon K. Achyuta Marar }
(iv) Sub-Assistant Surgeon T. Koshy Mathew } Dr. Thariyan's.

(3) Assistant Surgeons Mrs. Kohlhoff, Miss. G. M. D'Souza, Mr. C. L. Joseph and Mr. A. Babu Rao. Of these, Mrs. Kohlhoff was promoted to act as Civil Surgeon, II Grade, vice Dr. Puduval. As for the other vacancy, none of the other Assistant Surgeons possessed the requisite qualifications for the work which was performed by Dr. T. Verghese whose appointment was a special one.

(4) There was no Proceedings of the Government in the terms referred to.

(5) Vide answer (1) above.

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